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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

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the specification of which was filed on October 31, 2003 as United States Application Number 10/697,279.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56;

that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed applications 10/288,309, filed November 6, 2002 and 10/077,971, filed February 20, 2002;

that as to the subject matter of the application which is common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier application;

that the common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application; and

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